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- 1. European Chemical News, March 5-11, 2001, pp. 19-20.
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 3,526,674 issued September 1, 1970, to Becker et al. This patent corresponds to GB 1 269 420 which was previously identified in the International Search Report.

One copy of the European Chemical News article is submitted herewith.

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